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1. Between 10 and 14 September 1953, a total of about 15,000 KVPs who wore red, black and dark-green service colors were temporarily quartered in Berlin-Johannisthal before being forwarded to other places. These movements were effected only at night, _____ 25X1 the units involved came from Uckermuende and were to go to Buch near Berlin. Movements observed included: In the night of 10 to 11 September, about 6,000 men arrived on about 300 trucks and were quartered in a hangar which was equipped with about 2,000 beds, in another hangar with about 1,000 beds and 7 temporary buildings each of which with a capacity of about 150 beds and in other buildings. The unit left during the night of 11 to 12 September.
In the night of 11 to 12 September, about 4,500 men arrived and left again in the following night.
In the night of 12 to 13 September, another estimated 4,500 men arrived and left again in the following night.[1]

2. Another shipment of 1,500 to 1,700 KVPs arrived in the night of 13 to 14 September. The unit included a repair shop platoon and began preparing its quarters on 14 September. Apart from 10 armored scout cars, no heavy weapons were observed with this unit, which was quartered in seven temporary buildings and also in hangars. Part of the beds set up were dismantled again on 14 September. _____ it was going 25X1 to stay at the installation.[1]

3. On 14 September, work was started on building a fence around the two headquarters buildings near the entrance on Gross Berliner Damm. _____ 25X1 that it was intended to move the Political Main Department of the Ministry of the Interior from Schneller Strasse to these buildings which are off limits to all unauthorized personnel.
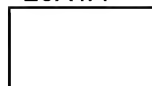
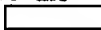CLASSIFICATION SECRET 25X1

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Since the tent
camp at Friedrichsfelde has not been reoccupied after the release of   25X1
the KVP units stationed in East Berlin, it may be assumed that the
new KVP units will be quartered in permanent installations.

25X1A   It is not improbable that KVP units were moved
to Buch, because sufficient quartering facilities may not be available
in Berlin.

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